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**CAL PERFORMANCES AT UC BERKELEY PRESENTS
CAL PERFORMANCES AT HOME
NEW YEAR'S EVE MUSICAL CELEBRATION
HOSTED BY NATHALIE JOACHIM**

**FEATURING ARTISTS FROM THE FALL 2020
CAL PERFORMANCES AT HOME
SEASON IN EXCLUSIVE PERFORMANCES
RECORDED SPECIALLY FOR THE OCCASION**

**STREAMING FROM 2AM (PST) THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31
THROUGH SATURDAY, JANUARY 2 AT 4AM (PST)**

Berkeley, December 8, 2020 Updated December 15, 2020—Cal Performances at UC Berkeley presents a *New Year's Eve Musical Celebration*, streaming on **New Year's Eve and New Year's Day around the world**—beginning **Thursday, December 31 at 2am (PST)**, when the new year begins in **Somoa and on Christmas Island, until 4am (PST) January 2, when New Year's Day 2021 concludes on Baker and Howland Islands in the Pacific**. From 8-9pm (PST) on Thursday, December 31, Cal Performances will stream the *New Year's Eve Musical Celebration* video accompanied by a digital watch party with a live participatory chat. Hosted by Nathalie Joachim, Grammy-nominated flutist, vocalist, and composer, *New Year's Eve Musical Celebration* features performances by many of the artists in the Fall 2020 *Cal Performances at Home* performing arts streaming season, which included 16 new, professionally produced, full-length performances. The fall series will continue to premiere new performances each week through January 14, 2021. Every streaming premiere includes a special digital watch party with an interactive live chat. More information about *Cal Performances at Home* can be found at calperformances.org/at-home/.

WHO Nathalie Joachim hosts an evening of performances by artists featured during the Fall 2020 *Cal Performances at Home* season. Cal Performances' *New Year's Eve Musical Celebration* boasts original performances recorded especially for this occasion.

Soloists, recitalists, jazz artists, and chamber ensembles featured during the fall season—including Joachim herself, cellist Yo-Yo Ma and pianist Kathryn Stott, trumpeter/vocalist Bria Skonberg, classical singer Julia Bullock and pianist Laura Poe, violinist Tessa Lark, the Tetzlaff Quartet, cellist David Finckel and pianist Wu Han, pianist Leif Ove Andsnes, the Dover Quartet, jazz keyboardist Matthew Whitaker and his quartet, and Darcy James Argue’s Secret Society—have each contributed special musical selections to help usher in the year 2021.

WHAT Professionally produced, full-length, one-hour streaming event.

Program*:

Leif Ove Andsnes, *piano*

Grieg/“Gangar” (Norwegian March) from *Lyric Pieces*, Book 5, Op. 54, No. 2

Darcy James Argue’s Secret Society

Argue/“Dark Alliance” from *Real Enemies*

Julia Bullock, *classical singer*

Laura Poe, *piano*

Work TBA

Dover Quartet

Beethoven/Final movement (Allegro molto, quasi presto) from String Quartet No. 2 in G major, Op. 18, No. 2

David Finckel, *cello*

Wu Han, *piano*

Debussy/“La fille aux cheveux de lin” from *Préludes*, Book I

Nathalie Joachim, *vocals, flute*

Joachim/“Transformation”

Tessa Lark, *violin*

Lark/ *Appalachian Fantasy*

Yo-Yo Ma, *cello*

Kathryn Stott, *piano*

Arlen–Harburg/“Over the Rainbow”

Kern–Hammerstein/“Ol’ Man River”

Bria Skonberg, *trumpet*

Hardin/“Hotter Than That”

Tetzlaff Quartet

Mozart/Menuetto & Trio from String Quartet No. 16 in E-flat major, K. 428

Matthew Whitaker Quartet
Kool & the Gang/“Celebration”

** exact program order to be announced*

WHEN Available on demand from Thursday, December 31 at 2am (PST) until Saturday, January 1 at 4am (PST). A digital watch party with interactive chat element will stream on Thursday, December 31 from 8-9pm (PST). This program will not be available for later viewing.

WHERE Viewable online, streamed to any device with an internet connection. Access to the event will be provided upon registration. For more information on how to view *Cal Performances at Home* events, please visit calperformances.org/at-home/frequently-asked-questions.

TICKETS \$15 for a single viewer, \$30 for two viewers, and \$60 per household viewing.

All currently registered UC Berkeley undergraduate and graduate students can purchase a special [\\$15 student pass](#) that provides access to all performances and events on the Fall 2020 *Cal Performances at Home* online streaming series. \$5 single event tickets are also available for UC Berkeley students.

Tickets are available at calperformances.org/at-home or by phone at (510) 642-9988.

MORE

CONTENT: At the time the *New Year’s Eve Musical Celebration* streams between December 31 and January 2, the Fall 2020 *Cal Performances at Home* library of offerings available to stream on demand will include full-length performances by the **Tetzlaff Quartet**; flutist, vocalist and composer **Nathalie Joachim** with **Spektral Quartet**; **Darcy James Argue’s Secret Society**; **Manual Cinema**; the **Matthew Whitaker Quartet**; cellist **David Finckel** and pianist **Wu Han**; pianist **Leif Ove Andsnes**; and the **Dover Quartet**. Most of these performances—as well as January concerts with trumpeter/vocalist **Bria Skonberg** and classical singer **Julia Bullock** with pianist **Laura Poe**—are/will be available for three months following its premiere date, and can be found at calperformances.org/at-home.

Over 45 *Now, More Than Ever* YouTube playlists of memorable performances, curated by Jeremy Geffen since the beginning of sheltering-in-place orders, can be found at news.calperformances.org/now-more-than-ever.

PRESS Complimentary press passes are available for reviewing journalists who wish to view the *New Year’s Eve Musical Celebration*. To request a press pass for the streaming premiere, please email publicrelations@calperformances.org.

CALENDAR EDITORS, PLEASE NOTE:

CAL PERFORMANCES PRESENTS

STREAMING EVENT

Thursday December 31, 2am (PST)-Saturday, January 2, 4am (PST)

New Year’s Eve Musical Celebration

Program:

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